

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE RELATIVE TO
ISSUED PATENT**
IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 47 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend Claim 27 as follows:

27. (Amended) A watercraft comprised of a hull defining an engine compartment, an engine contained within the engine compartment, and an exhaust system extending from the engine to an exhaust discharge, the engine including an engine body journaling an output shaft to rotate about a rotational axis, the engine body having at least one cylinder which defines a cylinder axis and which contains a piston connected to the output shaft, at least one exhaust port provided on a first side of a plane which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output shaft, the exhaust system including an expansion chamber having upstream and downstream ends and being furthest upstream of all expansion chambers in the exhaust system, at least a portion of the expansion chamber being positioned on the and extending longitudinally along the second side of the plane, opposite the first side.

Please add new Claims 48-52 as follows:

48. A watercraft as recited in Claim 27, wherein the portion of the expansion chamber extends longitudinally along a side of the engine opposite the exhaust port.

49. A watercraft as recited in Claim 27, additionally comprising at least one intake port included on the engine body, the intake port being provided on the second side of the plane.

50. A watercraft comprised of a hull defining an engine compartment, an engine contained within the engine compartment, and an exhaust system extending from the engine to an exhaust discharge, the engine including an engine body journaling an output shaft to rotate about a rotational axis, the engine body having at least one cylinder which defines a cylinder axis and which contains a piston connected to the output shaft, at least one exhaust port provided on a first side of a plane which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output shaft, the exhaust system including an expansion chamber having upstream and downstream ends and having a diverging portion at the upstream end, at least a portion of the expansion chamber being positioned on and extending longitudinally along the second side of the plane, opposite the first side.

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51. A watercraft as recited in Claim 49, wherein the expansion chamber has a converging portion at its downstream end.

52. A watercraft as recited in Claim 49, wherein the portion of the expansion chamber extends longitudinally along a side of the engine opposite the exhaust port.

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